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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 23, 2002 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Hobbs (U.S. Pat. No. 5,987,454) in view of Mora et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,161,113) and further in view of Amstein et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,793,966) is respectfully traversed.

Hobbs describes an apparatus 100 and a method for selecting multimedia information, such as video, audio, graphic, and text, residing on a plurality of Data Warehouses 230, and for linking the multimedia information via a server 211 to an Internet or intranet web site to enable a remote user 200 to access the multimedia information in real time through a server connection 201. To facilitate limited access of the Data Warehouses 230, a plurality of predetermined authentication procedures, such as user names and passwords, are stored therein. Notably, Hobbs does not describe nor suggest an apparatus or